



Objectives for Human Missions to NEOs

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Magnitude of Findings



Theme	Number of Objectives
Demonstrate Deep Space Capabilities	13
Scientific Research	8
Planetary Defense	4
Other	5

- A lot of overlapping objectives and activities.

Deep Space Capabilities Theme: Key Observations



- Objectives
 - Operations
 - Autonomous Operations, Degraded Communications, In-flight training, Human Robotic Ops
 - Human Research
 - Physiological, Radiation, Psychological, Partial Gravity
 - Hardware Systems
 - Long duration system, close-loop ECLSS, Reliability and Maintainability, Functional Redundancy
- Activities
 - Practice NEO Operations, Long Duration Flight, Sample Handling and Curation, Radiation Mitigation
 - Testing of Hardware Systems (High ISP, Propulsion, Deep Space Comm, ISRU)
 - Practice NEO-related anchoring, sampling and techniques
- Target Characteristics
 - Heterogenous, medium to large, not rapidly rotating, high water content

Scientific Research Theme: Key Observations



- Objectives
 - Characterize physical parameters, composition and resources
- Activities
 - Subsurface (Drilling, Core Sampling)
 - Seismic
 - Surface Sampling, Bulk Sampling
 - Deploy Scientific Instruments for On-going Operations
- Target Characteristics
 - All

Planetary Defense Theme: Key Observations



- Objectives
 - Identify and characterize threats (composition, size, porosity, etc)
 - Mitigate threats
- Activities
 - Demonstrate mitigation techniques
 - Validate tracking capabilities
 - Identify all threats
 - Ground sensing data
 - Better understanding of human operations with NEOs
- Target Characteristics
 - Small ones (to practice)
 - PHOs (greater than 30 meters)